



OREGON WINE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COVID-19 Response

APRIL 13, 2020 <<FINAL>>

VIA TELECONFERENCE

ATTENDANCE

- BOARD:** Bob Morus (Chair), Kevin Chambers (Vice Chair), Eugenia Keegan (Chair Emeritus), Donna Morris (Treasurer), Hilda Jones, Bertony Faustin, Justin King, Barbara Steele
- STAFF:** Tom Danowski, Marie Chambers, Stacey Kohler
- ABSENT:** Jason Tosch
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MEETING OPENING

Call to Order

Chair B. Morus called the Oregon Wine Board public meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Board Minutes

The Board reviewed minutes from the April 6 Oregon Wine Board meeting.

D. Morris moved that the April 6 Board meeting minutes be approved as submitted. J. King seconded. The motion carried 8-0.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

OR Wine Board Mtg. on April 20

Chair B. Morus informed the Board that he extended an invitation to the Oregon Wine Council (OWC) Board Chair and Co- Chair, and by extension all OWC members, to join the April 20 OWB meeting to help broaden the dialogue with industry organizations and interest groups.

Finance Committee Report: Emergency Federal Assistance Webinar #2 and next steps

Treasurer D. Morris recapped the first CARES Act for the Oregon Wine Industry webinar that was held on April 9.

- The presentations for the webinar were delivered by First Republic Bank, Columbia Bank, the Oregon Winegrowers Association and OWA's counsel, Davis Wright Tremaine (DWT) with approximately 110 industry participants.
- Preparation for the second CARES Act webinar on April 21 is underway starting with a planning session on April 15.
 - Representatives from the Small Business Administration (SBA), First Republic Bank, Live Oak Bank, Irvine & Company, and DWT will be on the panel of speakers.
 - The finance committee has reached out to the industry for feedback on webinar #1 and has invited suggestions about the structure, speakers and agenda for webinar #2.

OWS 2021-22

T. Danowski provided background from an OWB Executive Committee teleconference on February 25 during which management of the 2021 Oregon Wine Symposium (OWS) was discussed following OWB's 2019 termination of a previous Memorandum of Understanding that stipulated OWS revenue and expense sharing with the OWA.

- The Board discussed the March 9, 2020 letter that OWA sent the OWB about the 2021 OWS.
- DOJ has agreed to draft, or review, a narrowly-defined Memorandum of Understanding specific to the 2021 OWS reflecting a new working agreement between the OWA and OWB once terms have been agreed upon.

A motion was made that the OWB commission its Treasurer and management staff to work with their long term partner of 17+ years, the OWA, on a terms sheet that identifies key elements of an agreement to co-manage the 2021 OWS. The motion carried 8-0.

- The Board agreed to re-open the conversation about ownership and management of future Symposia after the OWA and OWB execute a co-management agreement for the 2021 OWS.

Notes

The Board will add to next week's agenda Mike McNally's request for help in establishing a set of operating guidelines for sanitation and safety practices to be used when Governor Brown's restrictions on tasting rooms are lifted and wineries re-open to consumers.

MEETING FINALIZATION

Chair B. Morus adjourned the Oregon Wine Board meeting at 5:51 p.m.